

7. Punctuate the following passage :—

Samuel Rogers undertook to ask Sir Philip Francis whether he was the author of Junius approaching the knight in a room full of people he said will you Sir Philip excuse my asking you a single question at your peril sir was the harsh and laconic answer the poet instantly retreated and said to his friends I know not whether he is Junius but if he be he is certainly Junius Brutus.

8. As a test of spelling, write the words dictated by the supervisor.

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9. The Supervisor will be so good as to read through and then slowly dictate to the candidates the following words :—

Metonymy, antarctic, camelopard, patronymic, novitiate, homologous, periphrastically, parallelogram, lusciousness, embarrassment, supererogation, mischievous, siege, psychical, pseudonym, nonpareil, innocuous, hydrocephalus, gramminivorous, fidgety.

English Grammar and Composition.—For Class E, and for Junior Civil Service. Time allowed : 3 hours.

1. As a test of spelling, write the words and sentences dictated by the supervisor.

2. I gave *all* the money I had about me.
 This is the *very* best that can be done.
 The jug was broken *all* to pieces.
 I am telling you nothing but the *very* truth.
 Whoever is *most* diligent will meet with *most* success.
 He was *worse* yesterday, but is *better* to-day.
 A man takes his wife for *better* or *worse*.

What parts of speech are the words printed in italics, and with what other words in the sentences are they connected?

3. Explain why, in the following sentences, the verb agreeing with the relative pronoun is in the first or second person :—

- (a.) I am not one who much or oft delight
 To season my fireside with personal talk.
 (b.) River that rollest by the ancient walls.
 (c.) Art not thou that Egyptian which before these days madest an uproar?

4. Be wise to-day—'tis madness to defer ;
 Next day the fatal precedent will plead ;
 Thus on, till wisdom is pushed out of life.
 Procrastination is the thief of time.

What is the subject in "'tis madness to defer"?

How do you parse "next day" and "thus on"?

Give a word of Latin origin equivalent to madness, and say how it is composed, and what is the significance of each of its parts.

What is meant by "the fatal precedent"?

5. Punctuate the following passage, and put capital letters where required :—

At length the cart came to the place where the bodies were to be thrown into the ground which as I remember was at mount mill as soon as the cart stopped the fellow awaked and raising himself up in the cart he called out hey where am I this frightened the fellow that attended about the work but after some pause John Hayward recovering himself said bless us there's somebody in the cart not quite dead so another called to him and said who are you the fellow answered I am the poor piper where am I where are you said Hayward why you are in the dead-cart and we are going to bury you but I ain't dead though am I says the piper which made them laugh a little though as John said they were heartily frightened so they helped the poor fellow down and he went about his business.

6. In the following sentences, the words in italics are used once correctly and once incorrectly. State in every case whether the word is right or not, and give your reasons :—

Shakespeare is the *mutual* ancestor of Englishmen and Americans.

While disclaiming the authorship of the poem, he declared that he should be proud to *have written* it.

A blind unquestioning vassalage to *whomsoever* it has pleased him to set up as a hero.

If I had known this, I should not have allowed you to *have written* the letter.

The regiment, about 750 strong, was *literally* decimated by the first volley, which cost the lives of between 70 and 80 men.

One evening of each week was set apart for the reception of *whomsoever* chose to visit him.

The candidate did the other papers well, but was *literally* all at sea with the mathematics.

Our correspondence was resumed with hearty expressions of *mutual* good-will.

To a gentleman who, after a fierce dispute with Porson, exclaimed, "My opinion of you is most *contemptible*," he retorted, "I never knew an opinion of yours that was not *contemptible*."

7. Rewrite the following passage so as to reduce it to two sentences, and to express it in a terser and more forcible manner :—

The policy of the emperors and the senate was happily seconded by the reflections of the enlightened part of their subjects, and by the habits of the superstitious part so far as it concerned religion. Various modes of worship prevailed in the Roman world, and they were all considered by the people as equally true, and were all considered by the philosopher as equally false, and were all considered by the magistrate as equally useful. Thus, it happened that toleration produced even religious concord, and not only mutual indulgence.